

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members Present

Adrian McDaniel Mike Koss Jacqueline Cox Lynda Gonzalez Eric Scott
Betty Gosney Gregory Ware

Council Member Absent

None

Minutes

Council Member Mike Koss motioned to approve the minutes of the February 3rd meeting. Council Member Jacqueline Cox seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Dan Flores announced that Former State Senator and Assembly Member Nell Soto passed away on Thursday February 26th at the age of 82. She had a career in public service that spanned 6 decades. She was a wonderful advocate of the community and today's meeting will be adjourned in her memory.

New Business

Bloomington Library – Marissa Purkiss Oleson, Branch Manager

Ms. Purkiss Oleson announced that the library will host a volunteer recognition event on April 1st. Last year, volunteers donated more than 750 hours to the Bloomington Library. The recognition event will present an opportunity for the community to thank all of the volunteers. Ms. Purkiss Oleson also provided a schedule of events and programs hosted by the Library. If residents would like to volunteer or donate books they can contact the Bloomington Library directly.

Staff Reports

California Highway Patrol – Officer Joe Ramos

Not present.

Field Representative – Dan Flores

Mr. Flores reported that the presentation on the Rialto Commerce Center has been rescheduled for the April 7th MAC meeting. The Environmental Impact Report will be available prior to the meeting should residents wish to review the document before the April MAC meeting; copies are available through the City of Rialto.

On Saturday, March 7th, the County will hold a Community Clean Up from 8am to 12 noon. The Bloomington Clean Up has a new location at the intersection of 12th St. and Pepper St.

On Saturday, March 14th, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center will host a Community Run/Walk 5k at the hospital. The event will include free health screenings and exercise demonstrations. It is free and open to the public.

The Counties of San Bernardino and Riverside created the Inland Empire Economic Recovery Corporation to help address the growing problem of residential foreclosures. There are several upcoming workshops for current and potential homeowners. Flyers are available.

Finally, Mr. Flores indicated that there are available seats on the County Flood Control Advisory Committee. If residents are interested in applying Mr. Flores has applications available.

Sheriff's Dept. – Sergeant Dan Finneran

Sergeant Dan Finneran reported that they are experiencing cut backs, but currently Bloomington has not been affected. He reported that the biggest complaints they are getting are for graffiti. Deputy Rosales reported that he has contacted Code Enforcement, County Roads and WETIP. They have posted signs that give the number to WETIP. They are working closely with other agencies, taking photos of the graffiti. In particular the graffiti on Cedar Ave., foreclosed homes that are vacant and other main areas in the neighborhood are being photographed. The photos are being used to identify the responsible parties. There is a new program called the Graffiti Tracker that will allow them to take a picture and identify the perpetrators. MAC Member Lynda Gonzalez asked if there were any gang task forces in San Bernardino County like in LA County. He said, yes, they are called the MET Team. A resident mentioned that the swap meet on Cedar and Alder is a major problem on the weekends. Deputy Morales said he will look into it.

Special Districts- Tim Millington

Mr. Millington reported that the skate park renovation plans in the final stages. He also reported that the bed tax money should have been distributed, but if there are outstanding receipts the community groups should contact him. He mentioned that they have installed picnic tables under at Ayala Park and that another 4 tables will be installed throughout the park. Special Districts is looking at future funding sources to help support the Kessler Park improvement project.

Old Business

None

Items for Upcoming Meetings

Council Member Lynda Gonzalez suggested having Public Works attend a meeting to discuss the Riverside Ave./I-10 Interchange project. Dan Flores mentioned that he is planning a presentation at an upcoming meeting.

Council Member Gregory Ware mentioned that he would like an update on the Alameda Corridor project. Containers that come into the ports will be transported through Bloomington. He suggested we get a jump on it and look at the issues of air quality as the project will begin in the next 3 to 5 years.

Member Reports

Council Member Gonzalez stated that former Senator Nell Soto was a big pioneer for Southern California. She had the pleasure of meeting Senator Soto's husband, Phil, in 1979. She was a wonderful lady who did a lot for seniors and the community and she will be missed greatly.

Council Member Ware stated that it is nice to see the Sheriff's Dept. willing to assist with helping the community. It is a benefit they have so he extended a big thank you to them. He also requested that someone from the School District come to give a presentation on the new school.

Council Member Eric Scott wanted to briefly follow up with what Marissa Purkiss Oleson said earlier that they really depend on volunteers at the library and that it is a rewarding experience. He encouraged the residents to volunteer if they have any spare time or they are just looking for something to do.

Public Comments

Julia Craslin and Jaime Duncan

Ms. Craslin and Ms. Duncan mentioned that they would still like to open the CRV recycling center at Alder Ave and Valley Blvd. and are asking the MAC and the residents to reconsider their support of the project. She said that they plan to open a clean, state of the art facility. She wanted assure the residents that they want to open a legal facility and they stressed that they would be on a paved lot and they would not accept junk or stolen goods. They are a licensed facility and they are clean and green and they always encourage recycling. And they want to be a good neighbor to all.

Dave Soto – Bloomington Community Boosters

Mr. Soto reported that the Boosters have placed the flags on the new military monument. He also reported that they will be having a community pot luck in Bloomington with all the non-profit organizations on March 26th at 5:30 pm. The meeting will allow the different groups to discuss upcoming events and how the different community groups can partner with each other. He wanted to spread the word and he brought flyers for the residents.

Ron Nuckles

Mr. Nuckles owns property on the northeast corner of Alder Ave. and Valley Blvd. and he is proposing a CRV recycling facility. Mr. Nuckles stated that he did request to be placed on the agenda for the March MAC meeting but was informed that the agenda was already set. Mr. Nuckles then stated that the proposed business owners are good people and they are trying to bring a good business. He stated that they are not like Bloomington Recycling and that they should be given a shot. He stated that he does not have any other viable businesses and they want to be a green facility. In the meantime the building is attracting graffiti and the windows have been shot out. There is illegal parking at the sight constantly. He feels that based on the economy right now, this business will provide jobs. His property has been vacant for almost two years now.

Eric Davenport

Mr. Davenport reported that he is making a documentary video on the history of Bloomington. He will be going around asking residents of their opinion. He hopes to have it done by the next meeting. He will try to get it on the local PBS station. He will include a piece on the over pass to see how long it will take to cross over the overpass.

Dave Jayne – San Bernardino Valley Riders (SBVR)

Mr. Jayne wanted to thank everyone that showed up to the SBVR event on Saturday. He stated that they had a good show and expressed gratitude to Tim Millington with helping to get the bathroom ready. He also reported that they will have another event on the 28th of the month at the park. They are bringing more people so he needs more money. Finally he reported that the October 10th handicap event has been cancelled due to the volunteers not being available.

Todd Warden – South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)

Mr. Warden reported that the SCAQMD will hold a public hearing on the rule amendments addressing cement plants on March 6th at the County of Riverside Board Chambers. He noted that since the implementation of new policies there has been a 75% reduction in ambient hexavalent chromium emissions from a year ago. Mr. Warden also referred residents to a recent article in the Press Enterprise that highlights the use of CNG busses at the Colton Joint Unified School District.

Juliana Brown

Ms. Brown stated that there is an excessive amount of truck traffic along Spruce Ave. She is concerned because it is a residential area on both sides. She stated that from Slover Ave. to Green Acres Cemetery there is a functioning truck route and an existing trucking company continues to use their residential streets and now there are potholes galore. She said they are making money but, asked, who is going to fix the street? She hopes that more information can be given and something done about it.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM. The next MAC meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

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